

TURKMENISTAN-AFGHANISTAN TRANSIT TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

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Forward for Corridor-Based Transport
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Turkmenistan-Afghanistan Transit Transport Agreement

§ Objective:

**Facilitate Freight and Passenger
Transit by Motor and Railway
Transport**

§ Signed in July 2007

Content of the Agreement:

§ 14-Article Agreement

**§ Regulates Important Transit
Matters between the Two Countries**

Parties Have Agreed To:

- § Build and Maintain Their Highways, Railways and Bridges.
- § Recognize Mutually Driver's Licenses Issued by Their Respective Authorities.
- § Allow Each Other's Carriers to Transport the Cargo and Passengers of Its Own Country or of the Third Country on the Way Back.

Strengths:

Agreement Provisions are Aimed to Address Such Issues in Transit Transport As:

§ **Non-Physical Barriers to Transit**

§ **Infrastructure Deficiencies**

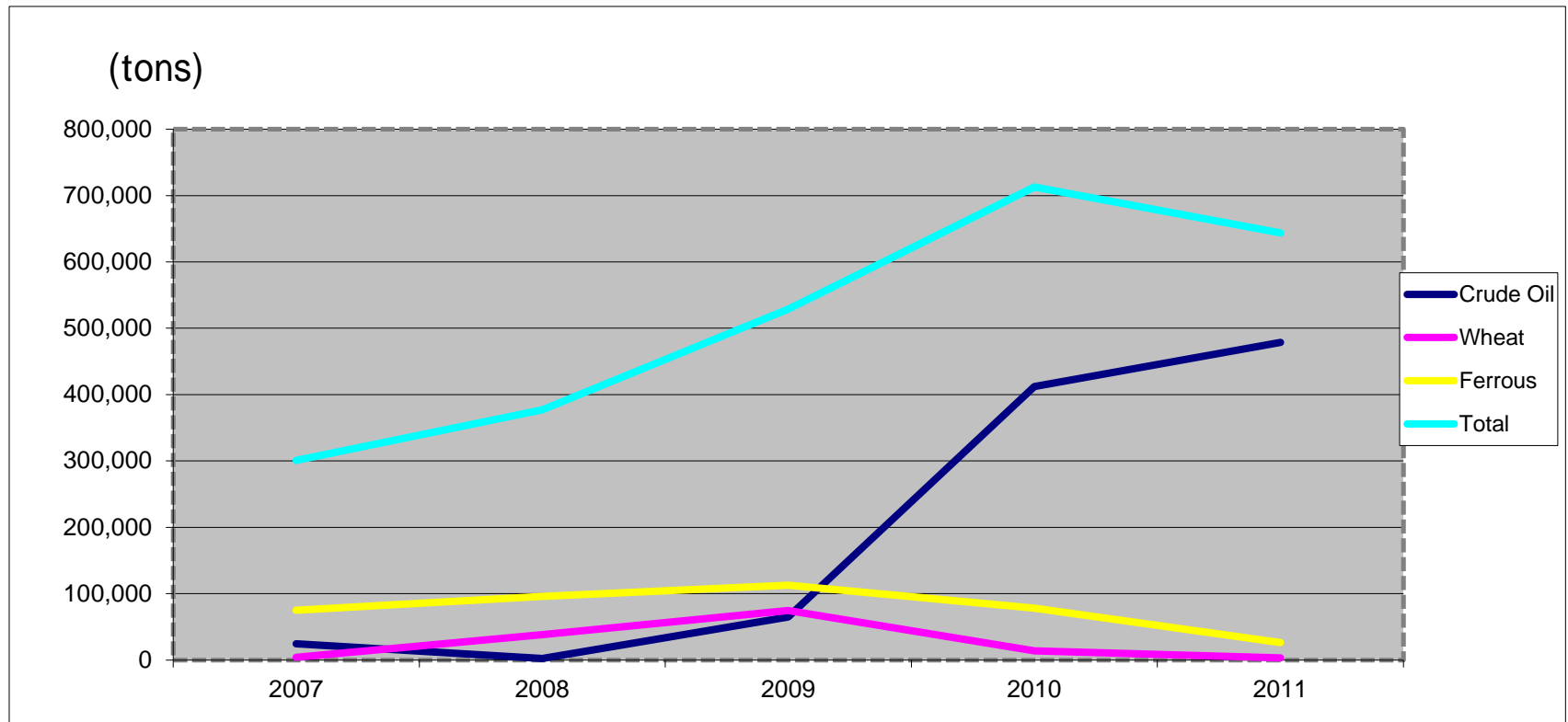
Weaknesses:

- § The Agreement Falls Short of Provisions Easing Customs Procedures and Documentation Requirements
- § However, the Parties are Keen to Build On the Current Success of the Agreement

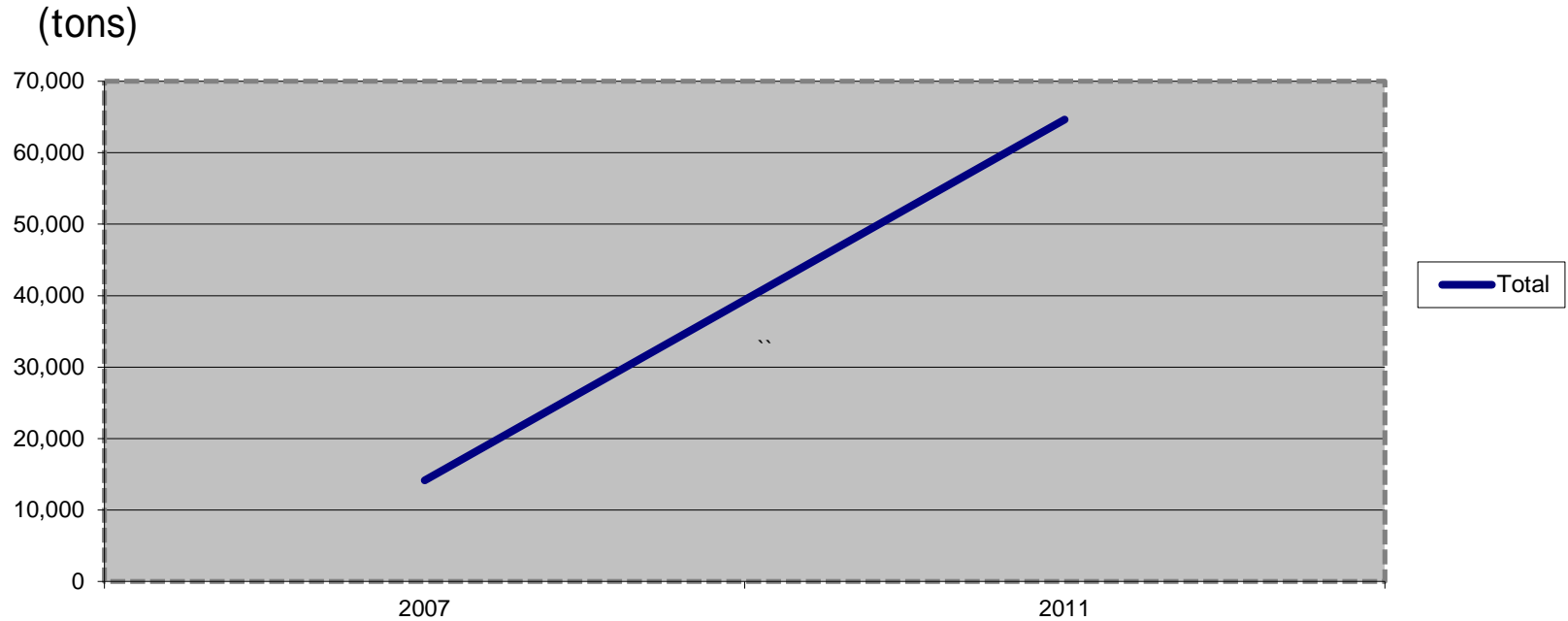
Status of Implementation

- | There have been so far three meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee on Trade & Economic Cooperation.
- | Last meeting was held on 24 December 2011 in Ashgabat.
- | Regulations on the Conduct of Railway Transportation via Turkmen-Afghan State Border are expected to be finalized and endorsed in the first half of 2012.
- | Parties confirmed their commitment to implement the bilateral Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the area of Atamyrat-Imamnazar (Turkmenistan)-Akina-Andhoi (Afghanistan) Railway Construction.

Transit to Afghanistan (2007-2011)



Transit from Afghanistan (2007-2011)



Future Prospects:

§Atamyrat-Imamnazar (Turkmenistan)-Akina-Andhoi (Afghanistan) Railway Construction. Total Length: 120 km

§Gains through Easing Regulatory and Procedural Constraints.